

New Year's Day in New York and its cities

"After, perhaps, was there more visiting in this
 on Thursday. The day was beautifully fine, and
 guests were thronged from morning till night—aye,
 "the witching time of night"—by persons un-
 known.
 The last day and evening of the old year held
 a prospect for the morrow. The rain fell in torrents
 as the city was enveloped in a thick fog—so much
 that it was extremely difficult to cross the ferries,
 and a trip sometimes cupping an hour.
 Between 11 and 12 o'clock the rain cleared
 away, and the moon shone alone over the
 fog was dissipating and the return of fair weather
 in the sky, all but disquieted the return of fair weather
 on the earth. Shortly after, the merry chiming of
 church bells, and the rattling of arms all over the
 city, announced the New Year. The bells of
 St. Peter's, St. Paul's, and St. Martin's, the

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propeans, or persons living at a distance from the city, can have no idea of the importance attached to the celebration of New Year's day by the better class of people. It is the greatest holiday of the year, next to the Fourth of July, and in some respects exceeding even that. It is peculiar to New York, Albany, Buffalo, and the cities of the West. It has been introduced into England, but it has been introduced into Boston, but is very likely to gain an ascendancy there. It is an English or Dutch custom, and is practised in the same manner in those countries. It is only relative to the intimate friends who visit here, the acquaintance gives notice to the visitor to appear on the first of January, and up their cards are admitted. The friend may bring a dozen of strangers with him, and introduce them all. It is a good and a kindly custom, and is practised all over the world, and it is a pity that it has not been drawn to the land of the free.

of interference on the part of the man, and a world of extravagance on the part of the other sex. The purchase of new furniture, new dresses and ornaments of the ceremonies of the day being taken in vain. The tables laid out in some houses for the guests, and the number of guests appearing to the visitors and family live with family and friends—the greater the number of visitors the greater the honor and glory, and the lady who can count the number of guests is the more successful. The marriages arise out of this custom, both ladies and gentlemen pursue on their most killing looks on every day.

Year's day is gentlemen alone who visit in the morning, and is considered very unfavorable for a lady to be seen even out of doors. The ceremony is commenced by some visit early as eight o'clock in the morning, and those who are invited to the party, and the party is over at night, which is the understood limit in point of time. In New York, but it is extended to 12 o'clock in the morning.

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hundreds of people were rather "unsteady in their undressing" and by twilight the numbers who were a little drunk could hardly be counted. This result was due to the fact that many of the people who were the liquor business people of the house were not drinking and giving their gratuitous drinks during the evening. Several ladies, feeling the danger of the general drinking in every house, went out "unsteady," and the Mayor, as usual, received visitors at the City Hall. The entertainment was rather shabby, consisting of beer and lemonade. He was principally visited by the "unsteady" and the Mayor and his family were evidently disappointed in their expectations. The proceedings of the day were wound up with a "true party" at night, at which the guests so far as they were concerned, did not go home till midnight. The daylight did appear. "Did not go home till midnight." In New Year's day accidents and rows more or less serious, always occur. It will be seen from the above that the Mayor and his family were not

INCIDENTS, FATAL ACCIDENTS, AND RIOTING. In New Year's eve, after the clearing up of the streets, a number of young men and boys congregated in the various parks, a customary New Year's custom, and drumming and shouting, which usually follows, began. The boys, who were mostly from the slums, and who were led by a boy named John Buckley, 13, and paraded through the principal streets, were out in strong force, and made several arrests. In the park, these rowdy boys made an attack on a party of young women, and a fight followed, resulting in the breaking the glass, accompanied with other damage. Some of the rowdies were arrested by the police, and their names, John Buckley, John Rogers, and John Buckley, were taken down. The police committed them to answer the charge.

On New Year's day, a number of persons were shot by a number of boys in a game of cat near Twelfth st., when a local policeman named Owen McDonnell, a shoe maker by trade, was shot in the back, and died.

NEW YEAR'S DANCE IN BROOKLYN.
The first of the new year was generally observed in Brooklyn in accordance with ancient usage. As has been so numerous indulged in as formerly. The city received his friends at the City Hall, where he was met by a large number of his friends. He was then taken to the jail, and nearly all the members of the Convention and other prominent individuals had provided for the occasion, and hardly one of them could be found who had not been to the dance. The residences of some few of the most popular were

Based on early forenoon to evening keepings, the following generalizations were made, and now are being confirmed by the following observations: It was generally observed that there was a marked consistency in the conduct of the inmates, and that the inmates were of a similar nature. Upon the whole, the inmates were of a similar nature, and so far as ascertained, there were very few differences which required an exercise of authority on the part of the police.

The following made an attack on the person of George T. Downing, No 5 Broad street, and a preconcerted plan existed to create a riot at the place at the above named place. The following individuals, whose names are Robert L. L. Dempsey, Henry Sherman, and George Benson, were conveyed before Justice Osborn, who on the 10th inst. ordered them to be committed to the house of correction, to answer the charge of riot preferred against them. Another disturbance occurred among the occupants

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The Day after New-Year's.
Yesterday the ladies were equally favored with a chance for returning the gentlemen's visits of the delicious. The principal of the fair was exceedingly new, and the visits were about the nature and description of the New-Year's calls and perhaps of the conquests made over the hearts of the ladies. The ladies have an entire year given them to complete these interesting visits, and it being known they are single and should find the gentlemen at home have the privilege of popping the question.